against the promoters' according to *the Penal Code* even without the above circulars, etc.?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The question is not intelligible.

(d) The Government Advocate was not consulted. Action can be taken even without the circular.

The registration of *kuri* documents.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the registration of a *kuri* document fees are received separately on the amount paid down and on the same amount or bigger amount that the executor has to repay in a series of instalments;

(b) the date from which such double fees used to be levied and the Regulation authorising such levy;

(c) whether they do not consider it a severe hardship on poor persons who are obliged to receive smaller amounts from Church *kuries*, etc., while a much less amount alone has to be expended on ordinary mortgages for receipt of much bigger amounts?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) From Dhanu 1099, under the provision in Note 2 to Article 1 of the table of fees of *the Registration Manual.*

(c) No special hardship is likely to be caused here. This is also the practice in British India.

Capital punishment in the State.

266. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases in which capital punishment has been awarded in the State in the course of the last 10 years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Nil.

The treatment of political prisoners.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any rule, order or provision to the effect that better treatment than what is given to ordinary prisoners should be given to political prisoners;

(b) whether Messrs. Kuroor Neelakandan Nambudiripad and Sebastian were not treated as ordinary prisoners, while they were in gaol; and if they were not so treated, in what all ways they were specially treated?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) The rules on the subject are contained in Chapter XLI of the Jail Rules.

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